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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to calculating the fees pursuant to the entry into the National Phase of the above-identified Application, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 6 and 7 as follows:

6. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said indicator is a purified form naturally occurring in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, *Podospora anserina* or a fungus, a recombinant form, an analog, a mutant, or a fragment of said indicator.

7. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said indicator is a biological indicator, a biochemical indicator, or a chemical indicator.